

Approved with
450.1 Final Exam

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Foreign Language Elective
Sign Language

I. Course Description:

This Course will study a variety of vocabulary and songs to enable the Student to enter into a basic conversation with a deaf person.

II. Course Goals:

The goal of this Course is to teach the Student to effectively translate ideas into signs that are meaningful to a deaf person. It will shape the thinking of the English speaking Student, as they enter the world of silent communication, to lovingly and effectively touch hearts in relational communication.

III. Instructional Material:

Joslin, Gerge B., *Let's Sign - Year 1*, Let's Sign Ministries, Multi-Media Evangelism, Inc. Richmond, Virginia, Seventh Printing 1987.

Riekehof, Lottie L., *The Joy of Signing*, Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Missouri, Second Edition, 1987

Sternberg; Martin L.A., *American Sign Language Dictionary*, Harper & Row Publisher, New York, 1981

Costello, Elaine, *Religious Signing*, Bantam Books, Toronto, 1986

IV. Course Objectives - The Student will:

1. Learn basic, traditional signs used by deaf people.
2. Gain a basic understanding of deaf culture.
3. Be able to have a simple conversation in sign language.
4. Study the background of American Sign Language.

V. Course Outline:

A. First Semester

1. Manuel Alphabet and Greetings
2. Conversational Sentences
3. "Jesus Loves Me"
4. "Speak to My Heart"
5. Numbers
6. The Lord's Prayer
7. "There is a Name I Love to Hear"
8. "Breathe On Me"
9. Signs of Christmas
10. "O Come All Ye Faithful"
11. "Doxology"
12. Commandments 1-5

13. Commandments 6-10
14. Expressing degree in signs
15. English words with multiple meanings
16. John 3:16
- B. Second Semester
 17. Common English idioms
 18. "Softly and Tenderly"
 19. The Easter Story
 20. A day in the life of . . .
 21. The Love Chapter
 22. Some opposites
 23. Signing a prayer
 24. Beatitudes
 25. Interesting Animals
 26. Psalm 23, Colors
 27. "America the Beautiful"
 28. Time

VI. Evaluation:

- A. Components
 1. Daily work
 2. Final Exam
- B. Grading Scale
 - 100 - 90% = A
 - 89 - 80% = B
 - 79 - 70% = C
 - 69 - 60% = D
 - 59 - Lower = F